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In re Application of: McTigue et al.

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For: Modifications of VEGF Receptor-2 Protein
and Method of Use

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant herewith
respectfully requests the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly delete claims 1-16 and replace with the following claims 17-18.

17. An isolated oligonucleotide sequence or variant thereof coding for a modified receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) polypeptide suitable for x-ray crystallography, said modified RTK polypeptide comprises an RTK kinase domain α helix D linked to an RTK kinase domain α helix E by a truncated RTK kinase insert domain (KID).
18. An isolated oligonucleotide sequence or variant thereof coding for the modified VEGFR-2 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 5.